## Bay Delta Chronology

## Ancient History - The Bay Delta Accord

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|                          | 1978 | State Board adopts WQCP (D-1485); EPA conditionally approves                                |  |  |
|                          | 1982 | Peripheral Canal Initiative rejected by voters  |  |  |
|                          | 1986 | D-1485 is challenged; Racanelli decision upholds State Board regulation of water            |  |  |
|                          | 1700 | appropriators   |  |  |
|                          | 1989 | EPA refers Central Valley Project contracts to CEQ under NEPA                               |  |  |
|                          | 1990 | NMFS lists winter-run chinook salmon as threatened under ESA                                |  |  |
|                          | 1991 | State Board adopts limited 1991 WQCP  |  |  |
| Sep                      | 1991 | EPA disapproves limited 1991 WQCP as not meeting requirements of CWA                        |  |  |
| Oct                      | 1992 | Federal Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) adds fisheries<br>Restoration to CVP |  |  |
| Mar                      | 1993 | USFWS lists delta smelt as threatened under ESA   |  |  |
| Apr                      | 1993 | State Board withdraws draft plan  |  |  |
| Jun                      | 1993 | Club FED (EPA, USFWS, NMFS, USBR) formally organized  |  |  |
| Jun                      | 1994 | Framework Agreement between State and Club FED: Cooperate on WQS, water                     |  |  |
|                          |      | operations, and ESA   |  |  |
| Dec                      | 1994 | Bay Delta Accord. State/Federal/Stakeholder agreement/truce on                              |  |  |
|                          |      | WQS/ESA/CVPIA   |  |  |
|                          |      |   |  |  |
| CALFED Bay Delta Program |      |   |  |  |
|                          | 1995 | CALFED Bay Delta Program long term planning effort begins. Citizen Advisory                 |  |  |
|                          |      | Committee formed  |  |  |
|                          | 1996 | State Prop 204 passes. \$490 million for ecosystem  |  |  |
| Aug                      | 2000 | CALFED Bay Delta Program ROD proposes \$8 billion program in first 7 years                  |  |  |
| Nov                      | 2000 | Prop 13 passes. Targets water quality and watersheds.                                       |  |  |
| Jan                      | 2001 | Change of Federal Administration  |  |  |
| Nov                      | 2002 | Prop 50 passes. Targets water quality projects. Combined, Props 204, 13 and 50              |  |  |
|                          |      | made up to \$3 billion available for "CALFED projects". Cumulative Fed support              |  |  |
|                          |      | around \$280 million.   |  |  |
| Jan                      | 2003 | California Bay Delta Authority formed as state entity                                       |  |  |
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| Buyer's Remorse          |      |   |  |  |
| Oct                      | 2003 | Change of State Administration  |  |  |
|                          | 2004 | Pelagic Organism Decline (POD) publicized; POD Science effort begins                        |  |  |
| Jun                      | 2004 | Jones Tract levees collapse   |  |  |
| Aug                      | 2005 | Hurricane Katrina highlighted risk of infrastructure below sea level                        |  |  |
| Nov                      | 2005 | KPMG/Dept of Finance "audits;" Program not meeting ill-defined goals                        |  |  |
| Nov                      | 2005 | Little Hoover Commission - Governance a failure   |  |  |
| Feb                      | 2007 | PPIC Report - CALFED Failed   |  |  |
| 1 00                     |      | Comment France  |  |  |

**Current Events** 

|      | 2006  | Three year drought begins in California - Ongoing                               |
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| Dec  | 2006  | Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Begins with Planning Agreement/BDCP          |
|      |       | will be an HCP/NCCP covering export operations under state and federal ESAs     |
| Jan  | 2007  | State's "Delta Vision" Long Term Planning Effort Begins                         |
| Aug  | 2007  | Judge issues Interim Protections in lawsuit against FWS BO on Export Operations |
| Apr  | 2008. | Judge Invalidates NMFS BO on Export Operations                                  |
| Dec  | 2008  | Delta Vision Strategic Plan released; Endorses a Peripheral Canal               |
| Dec  | 2008  | New FWS BO on Project Operations - Significant Restrictions on Exports          |
| June | 2009  | New NMFS BO on Project Operations - Additional Restrictions on Exports          |